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SUBJ: CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER'S SEPTEMBER VISIT TO
FRANCE

REF: PARIS 19253

1. CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER HAS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR
THE TENTATIVE PROGRAM PREPARED BY ROGER FREY ET AL. THE
CHIEF JUSTICE PROVIDED US HIS COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED
ARRANGEMENTS, SUMMARIZED BELOW.

2. THE REPRESENTATIONAL PROGRAM IS A BIT OVERWHELMING.
(WE UNDERSTAND FROM SUBSEQUENT TELCONS WITH MAGEE/RIZIK
THAT NOT ALL THE LUNCHEES AND DINNERS PROPOSED ARE LIKELY
TO EVENTUATE, AND WE EMPHASIZED TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE
THAT AT PRESENT THE FIRM DINNER ENGAGEMENTS ARE WITH THE
PRIME MINISTER AND AMBASSADOR RUSH, RESPECTIVELY.)
THE CHIEF JUSTICE HAS NO OBJECTION TO SCHEDULING CHIRAC'S
DINNER FOR THE FIRST NIGHT OF THE OFFICIAL PROGRAM.
FYI. THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND MRS. BURGER HOPE TO ARRIVE
IN PARIS ON THE NINTH OF SEPTEMBER, PERMITTING A FULL
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DAY OF REST BEFORE THE FORMAL SCHEDULE BEGINS. AMBASSADOR

AND MRS. RUSH HAVE INVITED THE BURGERS TO STAY AT THE RESIDENCE, AND THE BURGERS HAVE ACCEPTED THIS INVITATION. END FYI.

3. CONCERNING A ONE-DAY PROVINCIAL TRIP, THE CHIEF JUSTICE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ONE, PREFERABLY WITH RETURN TO PARIS THAT SAME DAY RATHER THAN REMAINING OVERNIGHT IN THE PROVINCES. THE CHIEF JUSTICE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE WINE-GROWING REGIONS OF FRANCE - HE IS A TWENTY-YEAR MEMBER OF THE CONFRERIE DU TASTEVIN. THE BURGERS HAVE VISITED ALL THE REGIONS MENTIONED REFTEL - BORDEAUX, AIX-EN-PROVENCE, MARSEILLE/NICE - AND WOULD WELCOME A RETURN VISIT TO ANY OF THEM. THE DIJON AREA, IF APPROPRIATE, IS ALSO OF INTEREST TO THE BURGERS. A VISIT TO THE NEWLY RESTORED VERSAILLE APARTMENTS WOULD BE WELCOME, TOO. CONCERNING EXCHANGES OF MEMENTOS, THE CHIEF JUSTICE WILL BRING WITH HIM COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SUPREME COURT AUTOGRAPHED BY THE JUSTICES, AND SUCH OTHER ITEMS FOR PRESENTATION AS WOULD PROVE APPROPRIATE. PLEASE SEND SUGGESTIONS, THEREFORE, TOGETHER WITH NAMES OF PROPOSED RECIPIENTS. MEMENTOS PRESENTED IN THE PAST HAVE INCLUDED REPLICAS OF INKSTANDS USED CIRCA 1800 BY THE SUPREME COURT, CRYSTAL, ETC. WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE THAT ARTICLES CARRYING OUT THE BICENTENNIAL THEME, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH REFERENCE TO THE FRANCO-AMERICAN ALLIANCE DURING THE REVOLUTION, WOULD BE ESPECIALLY SUITABLE. PLEASE SEND ANY ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THE SUPREME COURT STAFF MAY BEGIN TO ARRANGE FOR PROCUREMENT.

4. THE CHIEF JUSTICE WOULD WELCOME DESCRIPTIVE MATERIAL IN ENGLISH ON THE WORKINGS OF THE FRENCH JUDICIAL SYSTEM UNDER THE FIFTH REPUBLIC. PLEASE SUGGEST TITLES OF BOOKS OR ARTICLES; THE LIBRARIAN OF THE SUPREME COURT WILL ASSEMBLE THESE MATERIALS FOR THE CHIEF JUSTICE IN TIME FOR HIM TO READ THEM DURING THE AUGUST RECESS.

5. FULL BIOGRAPHIES OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND MRS. BURGER WILL BE READY SOON AND WILL BE SENT TO YOU BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TELEGRAM.

6. AS A FINAL POINT TO NOTE IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFICIAL PROGRAM, PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT MRS. BURGER HAS A CARDIAC CONDITION AND MUST REST THREE HOURS EACH AFTERNOON. SHE HAS USUALLY DONE SO BETWEEN NOON AND THREE BUT, OF COURSE, WILL VARY THE TIMING TO CORRESPOND WITH THE OFFICIAL SCHEDULE. INGERSOLL

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